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AGAWAM - Agawam High School girls varsity soccer player Lindsay Wassung steps into a kick to clear the ball out of the Lady Brownies defensive end in a 2-1 loss to Northampton High School at Harmon A. Smith Field on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 9.

Cell Tower Law may change

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – In response to its most recent zone change approval, the Agawam City Council will consider adding some teeth to their ability to evaluate parcels of land considered for wireless communications towers.

The council will consider adding a provision to the town code allowing the legislative body to seek an expert to evaluate applications to add properties to the Wireless Communications Overlay District. Last week, the council approved adding a parcel of land to the Wireless Communications Overlay District. The zone change was requested by Verizon Wireless.

The proposal went through a public hearing and two readings. During the first and second readings, Council President Christopher Johnson acknowledged the need for improved wireless communications and the increased need for data connections. But Johnson also criticized the process, saying Verizon Wireless may have been able to do a study and

consider existing towers in town to co-locate.

The zone change was approved, but Verizon Wireless must go through a site plan review in front of the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of appeals. Under the current town code, the Board of Appeals can require Verizon Wireless to pay for an expert to report on whether the location of the cellular tower is appropriate.

Johnson and Councilor Robert Rossi both questioned whether Verizon Wireless really needed a new tower or were just avoiding paying rent to co-locate on another wireless company's tower. Verizon Wireless did not submit any expert information to the city council about whether it was appropriate to have a tower at 491 Mill Street. They only submitted information about how well the tower would improve cellular reception in the center of Agawam.

According to the proposed town code change, known as Chapter 180-95A, an applicant for a zone change only for the Wireless Communication Overlay District will pay a review fee determined by the city council to pay for rea-

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'Girls Night In' event focuses on women's health

By Mike Lydick
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A special health event for women next week at a Feeding Hills fitness center will combine crafts with strategies to get healthy and stay healthy.

Crafters, wine and cheese, a raffle, information on various women's health topics, and a presentation by a local chiropractor are all part of the Curves fitness center's annual Girls Night In event.

The Tuesday, Oct. 22 event, free and open to the public, begins at 6 p.m. with local artisans selling their handmade creations. Crafters also will donate items to be raffled off that evening. Dr. George Sloma, a chiropractor with the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office in Agawam, will speak at 7:30 p.m.

The event will benefit Team Curves, which will participate in American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Agawam this spring, said Susan Kozlik. Kozlik, the owner of the local Curves since 2005, said her members have had

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Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

Susan Kozlik, owner of the Curves fitness center in Feeding Hills, holds a "punch out cancer" card Curves is selling throughout October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For \$10, help raise money for breast cancer research and get 10 workouts at the fitness center. The card also will be available at the fitness center's Oct. 22 women's health event.

Purple road runners to raise money for cancer Relay

By Mike Lydick
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Marie Ball is so hooked on running that she's created a 5K walk/run in Agawam that could be the area's most colorful road race and fundraiser.

Later this month, on a Sunday morning, participants in the 5K event at the Agawam Industrial Park will be blasted with purple powdered dye as they run, walk, jog, skip or dance along the course. The "Power of Purple 5K" will raise money for the 2015 American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Agawam. The fundraiser, which will use a safe, eco-friendly, plant-based powdered dye, will be held Sunday, Oct. 26. Registration and check-in for the noncompetitive race begins at 8:30 a.m. The race, which will be held rain or shine, starts at 10 a.m. The host location for the event is Pioneer Tool Supply, at 40 Bowles Road in the Industrial Park.

The course is 3.1 miles long, and participants can run, jog, walk, skip, or dance throughout the course, said Ball. Purple "blast stations" will be located at the end of Bowles Road (in the cul-de-sac area). As participants pass these stations – about every mile along the course – they will be blasted with purple dye.



Courtesy Photo

A sample race bib runners will wear in the upcoming Power of Purple 5K is shown along with organizer Marie Ball's running shoes and her T-shirt from the Relay For Life of Agawam. The white shirt is also covered with the purple dye runners will be showered with during the Sunday, Oct. 26 race to raise money for the Relay.

Unique event for a great cause

Ball, co-captain of a Relay team, Team Nonna, said she has planned a number of local 5Ks since she began running. When the Agawam resident began considering a fundraiser for her team, she wanted a unique event that would pull the community together for a great cause.

"I thought, what if we painted everyone purple during a road race," Ball said. "It would be a wonderful way to demonstrate our support for and commitment to cancer survivors everywhere."

Purple is the color used for Relay For Life events. Ball calls the event one of the "most awesome

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

‘Teen Halloween Party’ at the Agawam Library

AGAWAM - Teens in grades 7 through 12 are invited to a “Teen Halloween Party” at the Agawam Public Library to be held Monday, Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Costumes are optional but there will be a contest and prizes will be awarded. There will also be games, food and lots of fun.

The Agawam Library Teen Advisory Council organized and sponsors the party. Teens may register at the library, on-line at agawamlibrary.org or by calling 789-1550 ext. 3.

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State representative candidates outline platforms at forum
Boldyga attends Agawam event

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, R-Southwick, had a solo forum last Thursday night at a debate sponsored by the West of the River Chamber of Commerce.

Boldyga is being challenged by Democrat Samuel DiSanti for the second straight election. Boldyga beat DiSanti handily in 2012 to win his second term in the House.

DiSanti told the Agawam Advertiser News he was unable to participate in the debate because of a family obligation. With DiSanti absent, Boldyga was left alone to answer questions about his views and opinions on various issues affecting the Third Hampden District. The district includes Agawam, Southwick, Granville and Russell.

Boldyga said he supported the recent NARCAN training for police officers as they work to combat the use of opiate drugs.

“Drug use is a huge issue in our state right now,” said Boldyga. “We need to do everything we can to try and combat this. That includes NARCAN training for our police officers. I am also in favor of furthering opportunities for rehabilitation instead of sending people who need the help to prison. Incarcerating them does not give them the help they need.”

Boldyga was asked his stance on the casino repeal question. Boldyga was among legislators who supported the local option of voting on whether communities wanted casinos. He said is against repealing the casinos because they will create jobs, but that if the casinos are repealed, he will respect the will of the voters.

Boldyga also expressed his support for repealing the automatic gasoline tax increases.

“I opposed the original tying of the gas tax to inflation,” said Boldyga. “It should not be tied to inflation. It should be evaluated by the legislature on an annual basis. That is why we are elected.”

Boldyga said the transportation fund is being held up by the governor and one-third of Chapter 90 transportation funding for cities and towns is being held up by the current administration. Transportation funds have been helped by the re-institution of the Exits 1 through 6 tolls on the Massachusetts Turnpike. Boldyga and other Republicans are opposed to the tolls.

Boldyga was also asked about the completion of Route 57. Boldyga said there are currently other priorities that need attention, but he and State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, have worked to secure the land necessary to keep the project alive should funding become available in the future.

“We have money to spend on transportation currently,” said Boldyga. “But there is a much bigger need in other places.”

While DiSanti was unable to make the debate, he did make some comments about his stance on several issues.

He said drug addiction was a huge issue in the district.

“We need a state representative who is aware of these issues,” said DiSanti. “As a veteran, I personally know veterans who are returning home from combat who have opiate addictions.” DiSanti said EBT and SNAP food funding needs to be addressed.

“We need to start taking care of working families in the state and in our district,” said DiSanti. “Jobs needed to be created here. I will work to bring any revenues I can to the district.”

Vendor fair to benefit ‘Stockings for Soldiers’

AGAWAM - Main Street Deli, located at 141 Main St., Agawam, will host a vendor fair Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit “Stockings for Soldiers.”

This family friendly event will include

multiple vendors, raffle prizes, face painting and more. Those attending that bring a new, unfilled Christmas stocking will receive two additional raffle tickets. The public is invited.



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Leahy battles Humason in State Senate debate

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – Patrick Leahy, Democratic candidate for the senate seat in the Second Hampden/Hampshire District, spent last Thursday night attacking the production record of incumbent State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, in a debate in Agawam.

The two candidates tackled several questions asked by area media and then engaged in a Lincoln-Douglas-style debate where they had the opportunity to ask each other questions.

Leahy pointed out his research shows Humason has passed four pieces of legislation in the past 12 years. He spent 11 years as the state representative for Westfield before winning a special election for state senator 11 months ago. Humason took over the seat from mentor and longtime Sen. Michael Knapik.

Humason countered his record stating the number of bills his name is on is not the centerpiece of how he operates as a legislator.

"It's not about how many bills I have my name on," said Humason. "It is about working with my colleagues in the state house for the best interest of the people in the district. It's about working across party lines and the amendments that are filed to make those pieces of legislation better."

Leahy made comments about the lack of legislation filed during the past 12 years throughout the rest of the debate, telling the public in attendance and watching on television at home that the district deserves better.

"Four pieces of legislation in 12 years," said Leahy. "Just let that resonate a little bit. Sen. Knapik was a great champion for our district. He filed more than 300 pieces of legislation in his time as senator."

The candidates also tackled prominent issues, including the upcoming ballot questions on gasoline tax and repeal of casinos in the commonwealth.

Both candidates said they were in favor of Question 1, which would eliminate the automatic rises in the gas tax tied with the rise of inflation. The measure was passed by the Democratically-dominated legislature, out-raging Republicans and state voters.

Humason believes the legislators have to make the hard decisions and should vote on rises in the gas tax individually every time.

The gas tax is earmarked to pay for transportation costs in the state. Humason says there are other ways to raise money for that purpose. Leahy agreed with the incumbent.

"When you are elected to the senate, you need to be in Boston and make those decisions," said Leahy. "By indexing the gas tax with inflation, you take the onus away from the legislature."

The candidates, however, disagreed about the repeal of casino gambling. Humason said he was against the repeal.

"I was part of making the provision that a casino came to Western Mass. and that jobs stayed in our state," said Humason. "I was also part of the local option that allowed cities and towns to vote whether they wanted a casino. Springfield voted yes. I think it is time to have them here."

Leahy is opposed to casino gambling and believes the casino district proposed for Springfield would have a negative effect on the area.

"Casinos are not an answer to our economic woes," said Leahy. "My other fear is when the casinos come to fruition, there will be saturation in the market and they will fail."

Each candidate was also asked what their first priority would be upon being elected.

Humason has no specific priority. He said his agenda is driven by the needs brought forward to him by his constituents.

Leahy said he wants to see the formulas used to determine Chapter 70 funding for schools. He says the funding is outdated and needs to account for modern needs, including charter schools, transportation and additional state testing.

The debate was sponsored by the West of the River Chamber of Commerce and held at the Roberta Doering School in Agawam. More debates are scheduled in Westfield, Holyoke and on television.

Home-schoolers' artwork on display

AGAWAM - The Agawam Public Library will display the artwork of home-schoolers in the Pioneer Valley for the month of October. The children, ranging in age from 5 through 12 and representing a diversity of families and backgrounds, have utilized various forms of artistic expression.

Editor joins Advertiser News staff

Turley Publications Inc. has named experienced community journalist Michael Ballway as managing editor of the Agawam Advertiser News and Southwick Suffield News. His first day at the papers' Feeding Hills office was Tuesday.



Michael Ballway

Ballway most recently served as a news design team leader at GateHouse Media in Framingham and as a correspondent for the Telegram & Gazette daily newspaper in Worcester. He had previously served as editor of several weekly newspapers in Massachusetts, The Landmark in Holden, the Times & Courier in Clinton, the Webster Times and the Woburn Advocate,

and as a reporter for the daily Southbridge Evening News.

During his time at the Times & Courier, the paper won a New England Press Association first-place award for headline writing.

Ballway is a graduate of the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, with a double major in history and religious studies. His interests outside journalism include reading, classic film and trivia.

He and his wife, Karen, a high school chemistry teacher, are the parents of a three-year-old son and three-month-old daughter.

Ballway can be reached at or 413-786-7747, ext. 102.

ARE YOU OLD NEWS?

Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to tkane@turley.com.



Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Robert Fassnacht were Alexis Ferioli, Karl Geiger, Joe Barbato and Rich Berryman



Agawam First Baptist Church news, upcoming events

AGAWAM - The Agawam First Baptist Church is forming a new music team to play all genres and is seeking musicians. Those that play any instrument and/or sing that are interested in using their talents and gaining exposure are encouraged to call 786-7300 for more information.

A Bible Study group will meet for six Sundays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Oct.

19 and will run through Nov. 23. Anyone interested in joining a group of people seeking to discover life-changing truths in God's word is welcome. Participants will study the scriptures slowly as part of the belief that moving on to the next verse should not be done until everyone has learned how to add the last verse to their lives of faith.

Light refreshments will be served.

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Opinion

Big decisions coming next month

It is important for all residents to get out there and vote on Nov. 4 as the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be asking voters to make a lot of big decisions on this year's ballot.

Here in Agawam, you will obviously be voting for the governor, state representative, and state senator. But there are a couple of really big ballot questions that have a lot of people talking, and it has also been a subject of contention among our local legislative candidates.

If you were watching on television on the public access channel or read this week's articles on the two debates that took place, the gas tax and the casino repeal with both subjects that drew major reactions from our candidates.

It seems there is an overwhelming consensus that the gas tax should not be tied to the rise in inflation. Candidates on both sides of the political realm have stated they are against it, and all agree that we pay our state legislators to go out to Boston and make those decisions on an ongoing basis. Decisions like raising taxes require a human element, they believe.

The casino repeal question is drawing a greater stir.

Republican candidates State Sen. Donald Humason and State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga have both expressed support for keeping the casinos. They have cited the increase in jobs, both in construction and re-vitalization of downtown Springfield. They also believe the casinos will help the state economy with an amendment to the casino bill securing jobs for Massachusetts residents.

The opposite side of the argument comes from Democratic candidate for state senate Patrick Leahy, who vehemently opposed the casinos and is in favor of the repeal. Leahy, a police officer in Holyoke, believes the casinos are not a panacea to the ongoing unemployment issues in Massachusetts and will add to crime. He also believes the new casinos could saturate the market, and the casinos would fall into disrepair like some that have closed down in Atlantic City, N.J.

In politics, all arguments are valid and it is up to the voters in this state to make the decisions and fight for what they believe in.

Take the time to get informed and do the research, and get out and make informed decisions on Nov. 4.

2014 Turley Election Policy

This newspaper will print free self-submitted statements of candidacy only four weeks or more out from the election. All candidates running in both contested and uncontested races are asked to submit their statements to the editor to include only biographical and campaign platform details. Total word count for statements is limited to between 300-500 words maximum. Please include a photo. We will not publish any statements of candidacy inside the four weeks from election threshold. To publish any other campaign publicity during the race, please contact our advertising representatives. We also do not allow personal attacks against other candidates or political parties in statements of candidacy, nor do we publish for free any information about key endorsements or political fundraisers.

Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.



Letter to the Editor

'Irish Corner' on display at Agawam Public Library

To the editor:

The Agawam Public Library now has on display the Agawam St. Patrick Committee's "Irish Corner." The committee would like to acknowledge the talent and contributions of many which resulted in winning these coveted trophies and plaques.

Thank you to committee members, fundraising and float workers, Six Flags New England, the Agawam Cultural Council, Cooper's Commons (for the creation of Colleen's Hall), St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam D.P.W. (for the careful transfer of

the case to the library), the Agawam Senior Center and, of course, the Colleen and Court family members for their support.

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee

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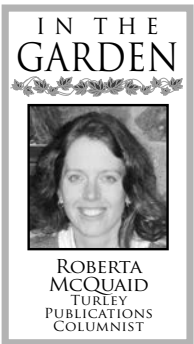
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Early fall questions for the Garden Lady

Lisa, who gardens in Warren, has a question regarding her herb collection, the sage plant in particular: "I enjoyed your article from a few weeks back. Your advice was taken, and so far I have dug up my lemon verbena and rosemary plant before the frost hits. Should I dig up sage too? It always takes a really long time to look good again after the winter; perhaps it would be better off indoors."

Sage, the quintessential herb of Thanksgiving stuffing, will definitely come in handy in a few weeks. More often than not I find myself out in the herb garden picking a few sprigs off of the plant, even in November, rather than using it dried. Sage is almost evergreen, better yet ever-silver, holding on to many of its tip leaves for the winter months. For this reason, don't cut the plant back until spring is well underway, then you'll be able to see which branches come back with gusto and which have winter-kill. Those that don't leaf out as well can be cut back to the base for some real rejuvenation. Any stems that aren't cut back too hard will delight you with pretty purplish flowers in June. With all that said, you can easily dig up a small sage plant for enjoyment inside this winter. In my experience it will do OK in a pot as long as it is given bright light and not overwatered. Sometimes its leaves will get powdery mildew when grown in humid conditions - rarely a problem unless you are blessed with a greenhouse for a winter home.

This question came in from Marie, who reads the column in the Journal Register: "I grew some great pumpkins this year, an old variety by the name of 'Connecticut Field.' They are so beautiful that I was wondering if I could save the seeds when we hollow them out for Jack O' Lanterns? It would be great to grow them next year, but I am not exactly sure how to do it."



Pumpkins belong to the genus Cucurbita. Cucurbita pepo is the easiest to figure out. Its members are what you might think of as a traditional pumpkin grown in the northeastern part of the country: orange with a woody stem and a hard outer skin. Teeny 'Jack-Be-Little' as well as the heirloom 'Connecticut Field' and sweet 'New England Pie' all belong to the species pepo. Unfortunately or not, gourds, acorn squash, spaghetti squash and summer squashes do as well, so if you grew any other variety of pepo cross pollination may have occurred and the plants you grow next year may not be true to type from the seeds you save. Assuming that 'Connecticut Field' Pumpkins were the one and only inhabitant of your pumpkin/squash patch (and your neighbor's!), the actual process of saving seeds is very simple. After hollowing out your favorite pumpkins, those with the attributes you like the best and want to pass on to future generations, simply wash the seeds quickly in a colander, blot on a paper towel and place on a pie plate for several days until completely dry. Store for the winter in an envelope marked with the variety and date in a cool, humidity-free spot. In late winter you can easily conduct a germination test. The easiest way to do it is to sow a few seeds in a paper cup filled with soil and placed in a warm spot. Record how many come up and then plan accordingly when you sow your hills come springtime.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 24 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to dfarmer@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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Captain Leonard House to host ‘The Civil War Ballroom’

AGAWAM - In the midst of the 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) of the Civil War, the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main St., Agawam will host “The Civil War Ballroom” on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is free to the public.

The Leonard house was built in 1805 as a stage tavern on the Hartford and Boston route. It has served as Agawam’s Community House since 1939, when Minerva Davis restored the property and created the non-profit organization that operates the house. The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.

“It is a beautiful backdrop for a program reenacting the dances of the Civil War period, with women in authentic reproduction hoop gowns and men in tails,” said Josephine Sarnelli, the artistic director of Small Planet Dancers. “Mrs. Lincoln encouraged that balls be held during the Civil War to keep up the moral of the people. There is even documentation of a military ball that was held in occupied Huntsville, Alabama that was hosted by the Union Army.”

In addition to performing common quadrilles of the period, they will also dance to a reading of a famous letter written by Major Sullivan Ballou to his wife Sarah, shortly before he died in the First Battle of Bull Run.



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The Small Planet Dancers, of Westfield, will reenact dances of the Civil War period at a program scheduled for Oct. 18 at the Captain Leonard House in Agawam.

The audience will be invited to participate in the final dance, The Grand March.

The Captain Leonard House will also hold a tag and bake sale. In the event of rain, the program will be held Sunday.

For more information, visit www.smallplanetdancers.com or call 413-746-9067.

Applications available for Agawam Colleen

AGAWAM - The Agawam St. Patrick’s Committee has announced that applications for the 2015 Agawam Colleen Coronation are now available at Agawam High School, the Agawam Public Library, Agawam Town Hall and Cooper’s Commons/Cooper’s Gifts.

Applicants must be between the ages of 17 to 22, single with no children, a resident of Agawam or Feeding Hills, express interest in continuing education and must claim Irish ancestry.

The Agawam Coronation will take place Feb. 8 at Chez Josef. The colleen and her court will promote a sense of spirit in the local Irish community through various fun-filled community activities, which culminate in the annual Holyoke St. Patrick’s Day Parade. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply. The deadline for application is Dec. 31.

Public invited to health expo

AGAWAM - The Agawam Senior Center will host its Annual Health Expo Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The health expo is held on the second floor of the senior center. A large variety of health care providers will be in attendance to showcase the products and services they offer. The public is invited to this very informative event.



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Eating disorders subject of upcoming AJWC meeting

AGAWAM - The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club (AJWC) will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., at the Agawam Senior Center. Guest speaker for the evening will be Amy Mendrala, from Lisa's Light of Hope, an organization that raises awareness of eating disorders and works to assist those who suffer from them.

This organization works in conjunction with Baystate Health Foundation to help those afflicted. Lisa's Light of Hope began in 2009 following the death of Lisa Marie Calabrese, who died from an eating disorder. Although she attempted to get help, most services were located in the Boston area. Services are now becoming available in Western Massachusetts.

Members of the community are encour-

aged to attend this presentation to learn more about eating disorders and how help is available.

This year, the AJWC is celebrating 58 years of volunteer service in the community. The club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest female volunteer organizations in the world. Anyone interested in learning more about the AJWC and its volunteer projects is invited to the monthly meeting. Guests and new members are welcome.

A social gathering will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. AJWC meetings are always open to the public.

For more information about how to become a member, contact Christina Beauchemin, membership chairperson, at 427-8784.

'Girls Night In' event focuses on women's health

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a Relay team for the past three years.

According to Kozlik both the Relay and the women's health event stress the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

"Our goals are the same, but Relay focuses solely on cancer," she said.

Cancer has hit close to home for Kozlik. Her father is a prostate cancer survivor and a close cousin died from cancer at age 48.

Helping 'punch out breast cancer'

In addition to the health event, Kozlik said Curves is marking Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October by selling punch out breast cancer cards. The cards will raise money for breast cancer research.

Purchasing a "punch" card for \$10 entitles the user for 10 workouts at the fitness center. Card workouts also can be dedicated in honor of someone who has battled breast cancer. The entire sale amount goes toward breast cancer research or care.

The 10 workouts include a full body 30-minute workout featuring strength training, cardio and stretching for every fitness level, as well as Curves workouts with trainer and TV personality Jillian Michaels. Michaels' workouts are delivered via movies on a large screen TV and are set to upbeat music.

Event stresses women's health

Kozlik said Girls Night In and the breast cancer punch card encourage local women to make a difference in the fight against cancer while getting healthy themselves.

"With all of our workout equipment, we look like a gym and a fitness center," she said. "Our real focus is helping women get healthy and stay healthy. Each year, our Girls Night In events have stressed various aspect of staying healthy, with an emphasis on how health issues, including cancer, affect women differently. Although men typically don't attend this event, they are more than welcome."

Kozlik said the event usually attracts more than two dozen women, especially for the speaker session.

"Everyone who attends typically comes away with at least one item to benefit their

health," she said. "Our speakers focus on a women's health issue from the perspective of how does staying healthy help prevent or recover from the health issue being discussed."

Past speakers have included gynecologists, a cancer specialist, a cancer survivor, a surgeon specializing in pelvic slings and uterus and bladder issues, and a doctor of osteopathy.

Sloma was recommended by a Curves member who was referred to Sloma to improve her strength to prevent further complications from scoliosis. Sloma will talk about how chiropractic can be part of a holistic approach to wellness.

A former college weight lifter, Sloma also will explain the importance of keeping muscles strong, especially as a person ages.

"I invited him to try each piece of equipment so he could understand when to recommend skipping one or more machines instead of the whole workout," said Kozlik.

Kozlik said the chiropractor was "amazed" when he couldn't max out the equipment during a recent visit to the fitness center.

Punch card has dual benefit

The punch card not only raises money for breast cancer research, said Kozlik, but it also offers women the opportunity to start a new wellness program without making a long-term commitment.

"Two of the most universal cancer prevention strategies are keeping active and maintaining a healthy weight," she said.

She said a typical fitness membership for most women is about \$40 a month, with an average of 12 workout sessions per month, making the "value" of the card just over \$30 on a "per workout" basis. The card will be available the night of the health event.

"Our Girls Night In started out small seven years ago, but during the past three years our link to fighting cancer through the Relay has helped to boost turnout," said Kozlik.

This also the third year crafters have been part of the event. The event raised more than \$300 for the Curves Relay team last year. Kozlik expects to meet or slightly exceed that amount this year. The team also holds a spring fashion show to raise money for the Relay.

Purple road runners to raise money for cancer Relay

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color runs." She wants to use the event to raise awareness about the importance of honoring, cherishing, supporting and recognizing cancer survivors.

"There is no greater fight than the fight to live," she said. "We want to encourage all event participants and supporters to help us celebrate life and to fight for it."

Ball said she has known many people who have battled cancer, but her inspiration is her mother, Andrea Fortier.

"She's a three-time cancer survivor," she said. "She's also a strong woman who would do anything for me and my family. I want her to be able to celebrate more birthdays with us."

Her mother is why Ball recently formed a Relay team, and honored her by using the name Ball's daughters use for their grandmother: Nonna.

Committed to fighting cancer

"I've been involved with the Relay in Agawam as a volunteer, as a member of the planning committee, and as a team captain because I want to show my mother how proud I am of her for winning her fights against cancer" she said.

Ball added that she will "do whatever she can" to help more people celebrate more birthdays with their loved ones. She hopes to raise several thousand dollars with her event.

"I would love to contribute even more money to the fundraising efforts of Relay for Life of Agawam," she said. "Even more important is to keep the Relay initiative alive all year-long and give people different ways to contribute to the American Cancer Society."

Entry fees are \$25 for adults and \$20 for kids. Up to six members can register as a team for a \$125 entry fee. Registration can be done online at www.b4rem.com.

Money raised will be credited to Ball's team and count toward the Relay's 2015 fund-raising goal of \$85,000. However, other Relay participants can help raise money for their teams by joining Ball's event.

"If registered participants tell us they're a member of a Relay team, we'll give \$2 to the Relay from their registration fee on their team's behalf," Ball said. "This is a great opportunity for other teams to start their fund-raising, too."

Post-race fun and fundraising

Ball said individuals will not be timed at the race. This means they will have as much time as they need to complete the course. However, the fun, and the fundraising, won't stop when the race ends. Prizes will be awarded at a post-run celebration for individuals and teams who show the most spirit during their run. There will also be giveaways and raffle prizes at the celebration. Ball said individuals and local businesses are donating prizes.

The event will also feature a Purple Power Expo, which will consist of local vendors.

"They will offer their support and mix and mingle with event participants," said Ball.

The event is one of the first team fundraisers for the 2015 Relay that will be held May 15-16 at the Agawam High School sports field and track. This is the fourth year the event has been held in Agawam. This past May, the Relay raised nearly \$100,000 in the fight against cancer.

Cell tower law may change

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sonable costs of employing an independent consultant to review an application. Consultants would provide services in telecommunication engineering, structural engineering, monitoring of electromagnetic fields, and other relevant fields of experience.

Johnson said when the overlay district was established by the town many years ago, there was no consideration made for adding properties to the district due to the increased need for data connections.

"I think the city council needs to have something in place before it makes a deci-

sion on these zone changes," said Johnson. "There was no plan to add more properties to the overlay district."

There have been concerns from some city councilors about having too many wireless communications towers in town, which are considered an eyesore in some neighborhoods. Agawam currently has five Verizon Wireless towers covering the town. One of the towers is located in West Springfield. The rest are located in various outskirts of town.

The item will be coming up as old business when the city council convenes on Monday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

AGAWAM ADVERTISER SEEKS MEETING CORRESPONDENT

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In the Classroom

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses: Many colleges are hosting open houses for the next few months. Check the Counseling Center website for times and dates.

Visiting College Representatives: To meet with any of the following college or university representatives that will be visiting the school, sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center: Oct. 14: 10 a.m., Post University; Oct. 21: 9 a.m., Elms College; Oct. 22: 8 a.m., Monmouth University, 8:45 a.m., Holyoke Community College; Oct. 23: 9 a.m., Fitchburg State University, 10:15 a.m., Daniel Webster College.

ACT registration: Late registration is still being accepted for the Oct. 25 test. Late registration ends Oct. 17. Register online at actstudent.org.

Girls STEM Summit: A one-day summit for girls in grades 8-12 who love STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This program will be held on Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at UMass Lowell. Enrollment fee is \$45 (lunch is provided). Register online at www.juniortech.org.

Northeastern University Women in Engineering Day: On Oct. 31, female students interested in engineering should attend to learn more about the engineering program. Students must RSVP before Oct. 24 by emailing: r.reisberg@neu.edu.

Discover Duke: Duke admissions officers will present information and answer questions about the university, the admissions process and financial aid Sunday, Oct. 18 at Boston College High School at 2 p.m. Register online at admiss.ugrad.duke.edu/portal/discover-duke.

Emory University: Will host an admission information session Oct. 19 from 2-4 p.m. in Simsbury, Conn. at the Ethel Walker School. Register online at admission.emory.edu/portal/ewenewengland.

American University: Will host an admission reception Oct. 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Hilton Hartford Hotel in Hartford, Conn. Register online at www.american.edu/admissions/regionalinfosessions.cfm.

Video Game Lab Workshop: Offered at Springfield College Oct. 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Space is limited. Sign up online at springfieldcollege.edu/gamelab by Oct. 20.

Women of Distinction Program: Hosted by Smith College Oct. 17-19. For more information, visit www.smith.edu/admission/wod.

National Hispanic College Fair: AIC will host this event Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register online at www.collegefair.info.

Scholarships: See your counselor or visit the websites below for more information or an application.

Tickets available for Metropolitan Opera trip

AGAWAM - The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter 2, will host a trip to the New York Metropolitan Opera at the Lincoln Center in New York City Saturday, April 25 to see both "Pagliacci" and "Cavalleria Rusicana." The opera house has been renovated to include screens to show the translation into English of all operas.

This trip is open to the public and all are welcome. Seating is limited, so early reservations are recommended to guarantee a seat. The cost is \$188 per person and includes transportation, reserved theater seating and gratuities.

For reservations or more information, call Art Usher at 786-3567.

Harvest Breakfast set for Nov. 16

AGAWAM - The Agawam Lions Club will hold its Annual Harvest Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. Tickets are available at Southgate Liquors on Suffield Street and On the Hill Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Funds raised will help support the various charities of the Agawam Lions Club.

Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Monday, Oct. 20: 8 a.m., Weight Training
Weekly calendar of events

ing; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: 9 a.m., SHINE Representative Available (by appt.), Exercise Class, Sewing Class, Knitting Class; 10 a.m., Coffee Hour with Rep. Nicholas Boldyga, PACE; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Casper the Friendly Ghost"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, Oct. 22: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 1 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Oct. 23: 9 a.m., Exercise;

9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Check by Town Nurse, Pitch, Open Art; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6 p.m., Cancer Support Group; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Oct. 24: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Halloween Candy Making; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold; 5:30 p.m., Agawam Community Artist Group Meets.

Lunch menu

Monday, Oct. 20: Ziti and meatballs, spring salad, oranges.

Tuesday, Oct. 21: Chicken cutlet gratin, rice pilaf, corn, pudding.

Wednesday, Oct. 22: Roast pork vegetable, vegetable stuffing, roasted carrots, applesauce.

Thursday, Oct. 23: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, peaches.

Friday, Oct. 24: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, spinach, baked good.

Agawam Campus Notes...

Goodwin College: Charles Rossi, of Agawam, was named to the president's list for the summer session. Marlene Aquino, Charles Rossi, and John Wahlberg, of Agawam, were named to the dean's list for the summer session.

Hampshire College: Caitlin McCarthy, of Agawam, is attending beginning the fall semester.

Rochester Institute of Technology National Technical Institute for the Deaf: Teshauna Bolding, of Agawam; Tara Dutko, son of Mark Castonguay of Agawam and Tara Dutko, of Springfield; and Benjamin Labelle, of Agawam, have enrolled for the fall semester.

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Agawam Public Library events

AGAWAM - Glenmeadow Retirement, a nonprofit, accredited continuing care retirement community at 24 Tabor Crossing in Longmeadow, will offer a presentation by Smith College Professor Mary Harrington on memory and brain health, Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St.

Harrington will draw on her expertise as a neuroscientist and share her findings on how to keep the brain healthy and active. Harrington's discussion, "The Memory Muscle: Understanding the Brain and Keeping It Fit," will include tips on improving memory through focus, practice and social interaction. The program will also feature accessible lessons on neuroscience.

The event is free, however, seating is limited and registration is required; call 413-567-7800 or email learning@glenmeadow.org. Visit glenmeadow.org/learning for more information.

Local author and part-time bookseller at the Odyssey Bookshop Chrysler Szarlan will visit the Agawam Public Library to read from and discuss her book, "The Hawley Book of the Dead," Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

The novel is set in western Massachusetts, and includes many recognizable locations. For more information and to read an excerpt from the book, visit www.chryslerszarlan.com. Please call the library at 789-1550 ext. 4 or go to www.agawamlibrary.org to register for this event. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Monthly adult yoga classes are starting at the APL. They will be held on the last Tuesday of the month from October through May, with instructors from Second Wind Yoga in Agawam.

This event is for adults 18 and older and no registration is necessary. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket to each class. These classes are sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association.



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The Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series continues Nov. 7 at the Agawam Public Library. Sally Matson will stage her one-woman presentation, Margaret Bourke-White: Courageous Photographer, about the life and career of America's original star photographer.

Applause Series showcases work of WWII photojournalist

AGAWAM - The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. when Sally Matson takes the stage at the Agawam Public Library with her one-woman presentation, Margaret Bourke-White: Courageous Photographer.

Matson depicts the exciting career of Bourke-White, America's original star photographer, who was responsible for many of the iconic photographic images of our century, including the first cover of LIFE magazine.

She was the first female correspondent to work in battle zones during World War II, and her photographs of Buchenwald concentration camp after its liberation were some of the first images of the Holocaust many Americans would see. Matson portrays the daring photojournalist as she travels through Russia, England, Germany, India and beyond.

The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper St. and can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Additional information on each of the Applause Series events is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The ACC is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



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Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of the Park Square Feeding Hills office, has announced that the trop producing agents for the third quarter are (from left) Kim Landry, Tim Coughlen and Jeanne Garvin. Park Square Realty is a locally owned company with 45 agents and locations in Feeding Hills and Westfield.

Car wash benefits Children's Network

AGAWAM - Pro & Local Detailing, a mobile detailing business from Western Mass., raised over \$200 to benefit the Children's Miracle Network at charity car washes held this summer at the Roberta G. Doering School in Agawam. Every year the small business donates to the charity of its choice. For more information, visit www.proandlocal.com.



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Fire Department to host open house

The Agawam Fire Department will host an open house Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Headquarters located at 800 Main St.


The day's events will include a chili cook-off, Jaws of Life vehicle extrication demonstration, a ladder truck interactive demonstration as well as fire safety education.

The public is invited.

K of C to host blood drive

FEEDING HILLS - The Knights of Columbus will host a blood drive for Mercy Medical Center's blood bank, Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. For more information, call 786-3091.

GET YOUR 'LITTLE CLOVER'



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AGAWAM - Kelly Theriault, the 2014 Agawam Colleen, paints a shamrock as part of the fundraising efforts of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee. Shamrocks, which are \$25 each, may be ordered by calling or texting Laurie O'Connell at 413-519-1071.

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Public Safety

Gillis seeks approval to join area mutual aid pact

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam Police Chief Eric Gillis is seeking to join a regional mutual aid pact that will provide protection for his police officers if they cross over into another community.

Gillis says the mutual aid pact can help the Agawam Police Department in the event officers are required to continue a major pursuit into a different town, if Agawam resources are requested to assist in another community or Southwick requires assistance from outside communities.

“Your acceptance will pave the way for the Agawam Police Department to enter into an agreement which will enable us to better meet the needs of our residents in times of crisis,” Gillis stated in a letter to the Agawam City Council.

Situations where officers in another community are needed is rare. In some cases, such as pursuing a suspect into another town, the information is transmitted immediately to the next town, and they are able to pursue and stop or arrest a suspect.

But more often, town and city police departments share resources such as K-9 officers, drug tasks forces and rescue resources. There could always be situations where another department simply need numbers. Neighboring Southwick has a K-9 officer.

The mutual aid pact will allow Agawam police officers to make arrests in another town if they are called for assistance. Outside officers could make an arrest in Agawam if the situation calls for it.

“It will ensure that our officers are legally protected when the performance of their duties takes them outside of the jurisdictional and geographic boundaries of our community,” Gillis said.

The new agreement states “whenever any officer from one town decides to exercise police powers in the jurisdictional territory of any other town involved in the agreement, said officer should provide or make arrangements to provide notification, as soon as practically possible, to the police department in the jurisdiction in which the officer is exercising police powers.”

There is also a provision that allows an officer to “self-activate,” if he observes a problem

in a community involved in the agreement.

Originally, the police chiefs association sought help from the state legislature for the ability to provide aid to surrounding communities. The legislature balked at passing any laws, so the communities made their own agreement.

If approved, Agawam would join Southwick, Easthampton, Holyoke, Westfield, Northampton, Belchertown, West Springfield, South Hadley, Westhampton, Amherst, Pelham, Huntington, Hadley, and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

According to Gillis, Chicopee, Springfield, East Longmeadow and Ware are also antici-

pated to be joining the mutual aid pact.

The town of Agawam currently has different mutual aid agreements with bordering towns. But the “umbrella” agreements among more towns are becoming more prevalent and are already being utilized by fire services throughout the commonwealth, Gillis said.

“The agreements we currently have are with individual communities,” said Gillis. “That can lead to gaps in coverage and stagnation of those agreements due to lack of review and continuity.”

The proposal was referred to the Legislative Sub-committee of the Agawam City Council and will come up for a vote on Monday night.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 295 calls for service from Oct. 7 to Oct. 13. The department made 6 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

- Tuesday, Oct. 7**
- A juvenile was arrested on charges of disturbing school and resisting arrest.
- Thursday, Oct. 9**
- Stanely T. Ringer, 55, of 167 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.
- Friday, Oct. 10**
- Eric Lopez-Devictoria, 26, of 775 Spring-

- field St. apt. 7A, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of domestic assault and battery and reckless endangerment to children.
- Christina Elizabeth Lally, 28, of 54 Belview Drive, Westfield, was arrested on two default warrants for failure to appear.
- Brian David Young, 50, of 89 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, was arrested on three counts of distribution of a Class A Drug.
- Monday, Oct. 13**
- Christopher A. Divirgilio, 26, of 15 Carmel Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor, leaving the scene of property damage, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and litter from a motor vehicle, trash.

FIRE LOG

- The Agawam Fire Department responded to 68 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Oct. 7 to Oct. 13.
- On Oct. 7 at 9:45 a.m., the department responded to Hendom Drive for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.
- On Oct. 7 at 2:21 p.m., the department responded to Almgren Drive, was dispatched and canceled en route.
- On Oct. 7 at 4:49 p.m., the department responded to Beekman Place to assist invalid.
- On Oct. 7 at 10:06 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.
- On Oct. 8 at 7:38 a.m., the department responded to Day Street for lockout.
- On Oct. 8 at 8:03 p.m., the department responded to Rosie Lane for carbon monoxide incident.
- On Oct. 8 at 8:10 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.
- On Oct. 9 at 6:40 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hill Road for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.
- On Oct. 9 at 6:43 p.m., the department responded to Bridge Street for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.
- On Oct. 10 at 4:02 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

- On Oct. 10 at 10:44 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.
- On Oct. 11 at 12:16 a.m., the department responded to Regency Park Drive for gas leak (natural gas or LPG).
- On Oct. 11 at 2:15 p.m., the department responded to Colony Lane for smoke scare, odor of smoke.
- On Oct. 11 at 9:50 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for good intent call, other.
- On Oct. 11 at 10:09 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for good intent call, other.
- On Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for public service.
- On Oct. 12 at 11:25 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for good intent call, other.
- On Oct. 12 at 12:29 p.m., the department responded to Plumtree Way for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.
- On Oct. 12 at 12:55 p.m., the department responded to North Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.
- On Oct. 12 at 6:53 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.
- On Oct. 13 at 9:29 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.

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City Council meeting agenda

Roberta G. Doering School
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Monday, Oct. 20
7 p.m.

- A. Roll Call
B. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
C. Citizen’s Speak Time
D. Minutes
1. Regular Council Meeting - Oct. 6, 2014
E. Declaration from Council President
F. Presentation of Petitions, Resolutions, Memorials and Remonstrances
1. TR-2014-30- Resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Sub-Committee of the Agawam City Council to initiate an investigation of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course pursuant to Section 2-11 of the Agawam Home Rule Charter (Councilors Letellier, Johnson and Perry) (Referred to Community Relations Committee) (Tabled 10/6/14)
2. TR-2014-39- A Resolution confirming the appointment of Anthony Tassone, 1242 Main Street, Agawam, MA to the Agawam Housing Committee to a term expiring Oct. 1, 2017 (Mayor)
3. TR-2014-40- A Resolution confirming the appointment of Christopher W. F. Pass, 108 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA. to the Agawam Housing Committee to a term expiring Oct. 1, 2017 (Mayor)
4. TR-2014-41- A Resolution accepting Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8G (Mayor) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
5. TR-2014-42- A Resolution accepting a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A for the Agawam Police Department (\$70,999.00) (Mayor) (Referred to Finance Committee)
G. Report of Council Committees
H. Elections
I. Public Hearings
1. PH-2014-7 (ZC-2014-3)- Petition for Zone Change for South West Street, Feeding Hills as submitted by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. on behalf of DCJ Realty, LLC - Public Hearing Set for Oct. 20, 2014 (Referred to Planning Board and Legislative Committee) (Tabled 10/6/14)
J. Old Business
1. TOR-2014-5- An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam to add Section 49-9 entitled Use of Municipal Vehicles (Councilors Donald

- Rheault and Robert Rossi) (1 of 2 Readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 10/6/14)
2. TOR-2014-7- An Ordinance to amend certain fees in the Park and Recreation Department (Mayor) (2 of 2 Readings)
3. TOR-2014-8- An Ordinance to amend certain fees in the Park and Recreation Department (Mayor) (2 of 2 Readings)
4. TO-2014-20- An Order Granting a Class 2 Dealer’s LICENSE to Agawam Auto Mall, Inc., 825 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
5. TO-2014-21- An Order Granting a Class 2 Dealer’s LICENSE to Auto Kraft, 119 Walnut Street, Agawam, MA (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
6. TO-2014-22- An Order Granting a Class 2 Dealer’s LICENSE to Dino Carando d/b/a Euro Imports, 325 Main Street, Agawam, MA. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
7. TO-2014-23- An Order Granting a Class 2 Dealer’s LICENSE to Falcor Auto Sales, Inc., 373 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
8. TO-2014-24- An Order Granting a Class 2 Dealer’s LICENSE to Parrotta’s Auto Service, Inc., 357 Main Street, Agawam, MA. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
9. TO-2014-25- An Order Granting a Class 2 Dealer’s LICENSE to V&F Auto, Inc., 7 Harding Street, Agawam, MA. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
10. TO-2014-26- An Order Granting or Renewing a LICENSE for an Automatic Amusement Device and Weekly Amusement Permit for American Legion Post 185 - Wilson Thompson, 478 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. (Clerk) (Referred to Administrative Committee)
11. TOR-2014-9- An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam to Add Section 180-95A to assist the Council in Zone Change Requests involving the Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District (Mayor) (1 of 2 Readings) (Referred to Legislative Committee)
K. New Business: Unavailable at press time.
L. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.
- Adjournment



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The Agawam Historical Association will present “Stars, Serenade and Stone Soup,” Friday, Oct. 24 at the Historic Thomas Smith House in Feeding Hills.

Welcome to the ‘Age of Candlelight’

AGAWAM - The Agawam Historical Association will hold its fourth annual “Stars, Serenade and Stone Soup” candlelight evening Friday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Historic Thomas Smith House located at 251 North West St., Feeding Hills. The public is invited to the final event of the Historical Association’s 2014 season.

Winners of the Scary Story Contest, sponsored by the Historical Association, will read their winning entries. Kids’ activities, hearth-baked bread and soup will be served along with period music provided by the Ne’er Do Wells.

In the early 1700s, the vast majority of poor families were still making candles at home. Candlemaking was an important job and often done by the children and women. At this time candles were made out of tallow, a substance rendered from the fat of sheep or cows, usually done when the family’s livestock was butchered for the winter.

The tallow was melted in a large vat and boiled until the water was removed and the dirt skimmed away. Making tallow was difficult as a change in temperature caused deformities. Tallow candles produced a foul smell, creating noxious fumes and emitting a great deal of soot and smoke. Wickes were made of pieces of hemp dipped into saltpeter. Wicks were repeatedly dipped into the tallow to thicken them enough for a night’s use.

Candle molds helped to improve candle making. Colonists also used bayberry, which was readily available, however extracting the wax was tricky. Eight pounds of berries would only yield one pound of wax.

Also in the 1700s and 1800s, crystallized sperm whale oil produced a clean-burning candle and was used until the 1850s, again only available to those who could afford them. At this time candlelight was considered a luxury in use only a couple of hours a day. Colonists would have their evening meal just before sundown or shortly thereafter and then retire for the night.

This event is free and open to the public and sponsored by the Hampden Bank Charitable Foundation.

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SPORTS

Late strike knocks down Agawam

Montagna scores for Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam girls soccer team really need a goal to change their fortunes. They got that goal, but Northampton managed to pull away in the second half and defeated Agawam, 2-1, last Thursday afternoon at Harmon A. Smith Field in Agawam. Northampton was able to score a goal just 16 seconds in to the game to give the Blue Devils a lead. Hannah Finn-Erb found the goal on a strange play to start off the game. Just after the game started, Finn-Erb sent a long kick from about 40 yards away. The ball traveled high and deep toward the ball. The wind knocked it down at the crossbar. The ball ricocheted off the crossbar and over the goal line. There was nothing goalie Jenna Beach could do about the shot. Up 1-0, Agawam needed a few minutes before they finally started making some headway up the field.

By the midpoint of the first half, Agawam had taken the possession advantage and started to gain some momentum. Agawam was awarded a free kick near the top of the box with 14:00 remaining, but the shot was wide, keeping the lead with the Blue Devils. A corner kick then gave the Brownies another chance to score a goal, but a great header chance went over the goal. Near the end of the first half, a great cross by Alexandria Steutzel was intercepted by Northampton goalie Sydney White. The Lady Brownies finally managed the get that big tying goal with 33:45 left in the second half when Alyssa Montagna made an excellent cross from the right side to Sarah Carron. Carron was open and was able to control the ball and shoot directly on goal. She found the top of the net to tie the score 1-1. Agawam continued to possess the ball after that, but could not find the goal again. Northampton

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Julia Serra controls the ball in the middle of the field.

Brownies pushed to playoff brink

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM - The Agawam High field hockey team is on the brink of elimination from post-season for the first time in years as the Brownies battled to a 0-0 tie against Holyoke and a 2-0 loss against Longmeadow during the past week.

Agawam is 2-7-4 this season, struggling to score goals throughout the season. Agawam will be playing a very difficult schedule during the final two weeks of the regular season, with games against Northampton, Westfield, and Minnechaug. Agawam must win every game to qualify for the post season. They will not be able to catch second place in their league.



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Captain Sabrinna Dubiel, sets the pace by scoring the first goal early in the game. She backhanded the ball hard into the net, catching the goalie off guard, bringing the score to 1-0. Soon after that Tantasqua answered the call and scored two quick goals. With emotions flying on the field, Sabrinna Dubiel rockets one passed the goalie to tie the game 2-2. Agawam would not stop applying the pressure. With only a few minutes left to the game, Junior Maddy Gabel scores and seals a 3-2 victory over Tantasqua.

Agawam tackles Blue Devils

Basile garners late key touchdown

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam football team rebounded from a tough loss against Amherst and took down Northampton last Friday night. Agawam needed a win to get back on track after suffering their first conference loss of the season. Agawam was undefeated since joining the Suburban Conference last year before last week. They appeared headed in that direction in Northampton after

the Blue Devils broke through and scored in the first quarter when Elijah Davis made a 21-yard run into the end zone to get a 6-0 lead. However, Agawam got a great return and took the lead just 67 seconds later. Just a couple of plays into their drive, Gio Russo found a hole and made a 16-yard run for a touchdown. Sean Moore was able to secure the point-after to give Agawam a 7-6 lead in the first quarter. Agawam was able to keep Northampton off the scoreboard for the remainder of the first half, and Russo was able to grab another

touchdown with 8:08 left in the second quarter. He took a handoff from Troy Gallerani and made it 54 yards into the end zone to make it 13-6 Agawam. Northampton was able to hold on to the ball for a short time before they gave it back to the Brownies without anything to show for it. With 1:32 remaining in the second quarter, Gallerani sent the ball to Roman Mogan for a 65-yard touchdown reception. With a commanding lead at half-time, the Brownies did not want to slow down and Russo started the

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Jacques helping keep Agawam players healthy

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Agawam High School sports have had a consistent presence on the sideline for the past eight years, trainer Tim Jacques. But Jacques is often not alone, with several interns from the sports medicine programs at Springfield College and Westfield State University coming along with him to games and practices. Jacques can be seen with anywhere from one to five interns in a given semester. Athletics Director David Stratton, a former trainer and graduate of Springfield College, said Jacques success makes it very clear why so many interns work for him.

“It basically shows what the colleges think of what Tim can do,” said Stratton. “The kids see more and learn more in a week in the field with Tim than they can in the classroom.” Jacques has the students do more than just follow him around and observe his work, the students receive a lot of hands-on training within the scope of their instruction. “The students are limited from performing actions that they have not learned yet in the classroom,” said Jacques. “If they have only learned about working on the lower body, then that is all they can do.” In addition to the basics of athletic training such as wrapping up players before games and checking on minor injuries on the field,

Jacques spends time with his students, teaching them techniques and expanding on knowledge they have learned in the classroom. The experience is mutually beneficial, Jacques says, as he learns about new techniques being taught in classrooms. “Sometimes there may be something new happening in the classroom that I have not done,” said Jacques. “So I can definitely learn from them as well.” Overall, Jacques says he wants to give back to the area programs and to the profession that he has made his career of. “Taking on interns helps the profession and it helps the programs at Springfield and Westfield,” said Jacques. “We always need more athletic trainers. It is a

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COLLEGE NOTES

Wheeler tabbed CCC Golfer of the Week

SPRINGFIELD - Nichols senior captain Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, has been named the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) Golfer of the Week. He shares the honor with Austin Teal of Endicott.

Wheeler rebounded from an 82 Saturday to post a 75 Sunday and finish tied for seventh (157) at the 2014 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III New England Championship Sunday at Crumpin Fox Golf Club. His efforts helped the Bison cut 20 strokes off their first day total and finished seventh - ahead of such schools as Babson (eighth), Western New England (ninth), Amherst (13th), Wentworth (15th), and Roger Williams (18th).

This marks the second time Wheeler has garnered CCC honors this season, as he took home CCC Golfer of the Week honors on Sept. 22.

Rackliffe named to MASCAC

Women's Volleyball Weekly Honor Roll

WESTFIELD - Framingham State sophomore middle hitter and Feeding Hills resident Alycia Rackliffe was named to the MASCAC Women's Volleyball Weekly Honor Roll.

She averaged 11.5 kills and 1.8 blocks in a 3-1 week for the Rams, including 15 kills and two blocks in the 3-0 win over Suffolk University.

Conway plays against Westfield State

FITCHBURG - Fitchburg State women's field hockey goalie and Feeding Hills resident Jordyn Conway played the final 10:10 in a 3-1 loss to Westfield State on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Conway has played in two games this season for a total of 22:17 and has made one save.

In-Town Basketball programs for boys and girls

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is currently taking registrations for boys and girls age 4 and older In-Town Basketball Programs.

Boys and girls age 4 (by Dec. 1) or currently enrolled in kindergarten are welcome to register for a newly added Bitty Basketball Program on Saturdays at 8 a.m.

Boys and Girls in grades 1 and 2 are welcome to register for the YMCA Instructional Basketball Program on Saturdays at either 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Boys in grades 3 through 8 may register, although as of Oct. 14, the fee increased \$25.

Girls in grades 3 through 8 may call the Parks and Recreation Department and be put on an interest list. If there are enough girls an In-Town league will be formed or Agawam teams may be put together to join another league.

Boys and girls in grades 9-12 are welcome to register by Dec. 5 for the High School In-Town Basketball League.

Please feel free to call the Parks and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514 with any questions about these basketball programs or any other offerings. More information can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department's website found at www.agawam.ma.us.

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third quarter with his third touchdown of the game, a short run.

Northampton was able to come back and score two straight touchdowns close the gap from 27-6 to 27-19.

Needing a score to keep the game out of reach, Anthony Basile, who plays on the defensive side of the ball more often, came up with an 8-yard run for a touchdown with about 3:00 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Trailing by two touchdowns now, Northampton was able to score against with 22 seconds left, but Agawam fielded the onside kick to finish the game.

Gallerani went 3-for-7 passing for 86 yards and one touchdown. On the ground, Russo had an excellent night, carrying the ball 18 times for 212 yards and three touchdowns. Dominic Grassetti had six carries for 43 yards.

The Brownies improved to 3-2 for the season. They are now 2-1 in the Suburban Conference and will be facing South Hadley Friday at 7 p.m. at Harmon A. Smith Field in Agawam. South Hadley has not been defeated in conference games yet this season and are 4-2 overall, 3-0 in the conference.

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AGAWAM TAKES COLUMBUS CROWN



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WINDSOR, Conn. - The boys U12 Agawam Pioneer Valley soccer team won first place in their age group at the Columbus Day Tournament. Back row (from left to right): Nick Briggs, coach Jon Luke, Connor Twohig, Billy Balzano, coach Joe Balzano and Ben Gregory. Middle row: Joe Glaessner, Jaron Luke, Justin Davis, Jason Hamel, Danny Harpin, Evan Lang, Brandon Spaulding and Colin Shlosser. Front row: Matt Burke, Josh Privadenyuk, Tyler Wampler and Ryan Gilbert. Missing: Tim Polevoy and T.J. Murphy.

Agawam to play in Coaches vs. Cancer game

LONGMEADOW - The Longmeadow High School girls soccer team and head coach Erin Capotosto have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer initiative.

On Thursday, Oct. 16, when Longmeadow hosts Agawam, fans will have an opportunity to take part in fund-raising activities that will benefit the life-saving work of the American Cancer Society and its Coaches vs. Cancer initiative. The game is at 6:30 p.m. at Stadium Field, located at 95 Grassy Gutter Road.

Donations will be collected on-site the day of the game, and the team is also selling special breast cancer awareness t-shirts. We hope you will come out and support your team for this great cause because with everyone's help there will someday be a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

For more information please contact Capotosto at ecaposto@longmeadow.k12.ma.us, or Greg McKeever, Coaches vs. Cancer Coordinator at 508-270-4823.

Coaches vs. Cancer is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) that empowers all coaches, their teams, and local communities to make a difference in the fight against cancer. The program leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs.

For more information, please visit www.coachesvscancer.org, or find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/coachesvscancerMA), Twitter (@CoachesMA) and Instagram (@Coaches_MA).

Agawam Little League call for volunteers

AGAWAM - The Agawam Little League Board would like to extend an invitation to individuals that have interest in helping to make 2015 another successful season for our children.

They will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19 at Take 5 Restaurant.

The agenda for this meeting is to provide information about the organization and conduct the 2014-2015 Board Elections. The A.L.L. is a privately run, non-profit organization that couldn't operate without the help and support of Board Members, Volunteers and Sponsors.

The Objective of Agawam Little League is to install the ideals of good sportsmanship, teamwork, physical well-being, discipline and respect for authority. We are in need of individuals in all capacities. We encourage all to attend this meeting to learn more about the organization and ways that you may be able to assist.

To show our appreciation for your attendance, we will deduct \$10 from one of your child's 2015 little league registration fee.

Visit www.agawamlittleleague.com for more information.



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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Agawam High School
Red Hawks sweep Agawam

AGAWAM - The girls volleyball team had an eight-day layoff before taking on one of the best programs in Western Mass. as they fell against Frontier Regional last Thursday 3-0.

Agawam was in every game of the set, losing 25-20, 25-22, and 25-18. Lexi Cears had 19 assists and Emma Sergey-chik had 17 digs. Caroline Hitchcock added six kills.

Agawam is 4-9 and must win their five remaining games to qualify for the tournament. They will play at Amherst Fri-day at 5 p.m.

Compiled by Sports Correspondent Gregory A. Scibelli

BOYS SOCCER

Agawam High School
Districts in sight

AGAWAM – Since going into a funk where they lost five of six games, the Agawam boys soccer team has recovered to win three consecutive games and are now three points away from qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Division 1 Tournament.

The Brownies have five games left and need two wins, three ties, or a win and a tie to qualify for the tournament.

They will be facing Cathedral, a team they have handily defeated, Central, East Longmeadow, and Belchertown in the final two weeks of the season.

The Brownies scored two big wins against Longmeadow in a seven-day period, beating the Lancers 2-1 on Oct. 3 and then at home last Friday afternoon, Oct. 10, 1-0. In between, the Brownies beat Northampton 4-0.

In the victory last Friday afternoon, Kamer Kuhiu converted a pass by Tym Regnier for a goal in the second half and Alex Sours made seven saves to pick up the shutout win.

Against Northampton on Oct. 7, Anthony Sciairelli, Luis Nieves, Stephen Mateus, and Nuhui all scored goals. Sciar-elli also had two assists and Sours had a four-save shutout.

Agawam (7-5-1) next plays at Cathedral Friday at 4 p.m.

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GOLF

Agawam High School
Godek cards low round versus Orioles

AGAWAM - After scuffling for a few matches, the Aga-wam golf team got on track last Thursday afternoon when they defeated Belchertown, 156-166.

The Brownies were comfortable on their home course af-ter losing by one stroke to the Orioles at their course. Play-ing at Crestview, Matteo Godek had the best came for the Brownies with a card of 34.

The next best score came from Dom Calcasola with a 40. Eric Wolowicz and Mike Costello each carded 41's to clinch the win for the Brownies.

Agawam is 13-5 and will be preparing for the Division 1 Tournament match on Monday in Great Barrington.

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would take the lead later on a goal by Alexandra Bertuch-Wallace.

White was challenged the entire game by Agawam, mak-ing 15 saves in the victory.

Becca Uschmann and Beach each allowed a goal and made three saves in the defeat.

The Brownies won their first two games of the regular sea-son, beating Chicopee Comp and Southwick. Since then, they

have gone 0-8-2, struggling to score goals in that stretch.

In order to qualify for the tournament, Agawam now must find a way into second place in their league or win all six of their remaining games.

Agawam will travel to Holyoke on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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Agawam's Sarah Carron (2) and Sarah Graves (17) battle Northampton for possession of the ball.

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growing field.”

Jacques says the attention now being paid to sports inju-ries is giving the sports medicine field more attention.

“Injuries in sports are now at the forefront,” said Jacques. “With the knowledge and technology out there, players and coaches are more willing and able to report injuries that oc-cur in games. There is also a lot of attention paid to concus-sions.”

These are many of the things student-trainers are learning from Jacques on a regular basis. Jacques currently has two

interns from Springfield College, and may get another next month from Westfield State, his alma mater.

He said taking on multiple interns helps extend the train-ing staff in a school that has a lot of student-athletes.

“When it is a busy day for games, they are very helpful and come in handy,” said Jacques.

Gregory A. Scibelli is a sports correspondent for Turley Publications. He can be reached at gscibelli@turley.com.

Agawam Youth
Wrestling signups

AGAWAM - Agawam Youth Wrestling will be holding registrations for the upcoming season from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20 at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

The cost is \$75 to register with discounts for two or more siblings.

Any one with questions can contact Bob Schwein at 413-222-6548 or rpschwein@comcast.net.

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Weekdays - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.
Thursday - Communion Service



DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

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Died Oct. 6, 2014
Funeral Oct. 9, 2014
Agawam Funeral Home

LaFreniere, Ruth J.
Died Oct. 10, 2014
Agawam Funeral Home

Gray, Eleanor
Died Oct. 4, 2014
Funeral Oct. 10, 2014
Agawam Congrega-tional Church

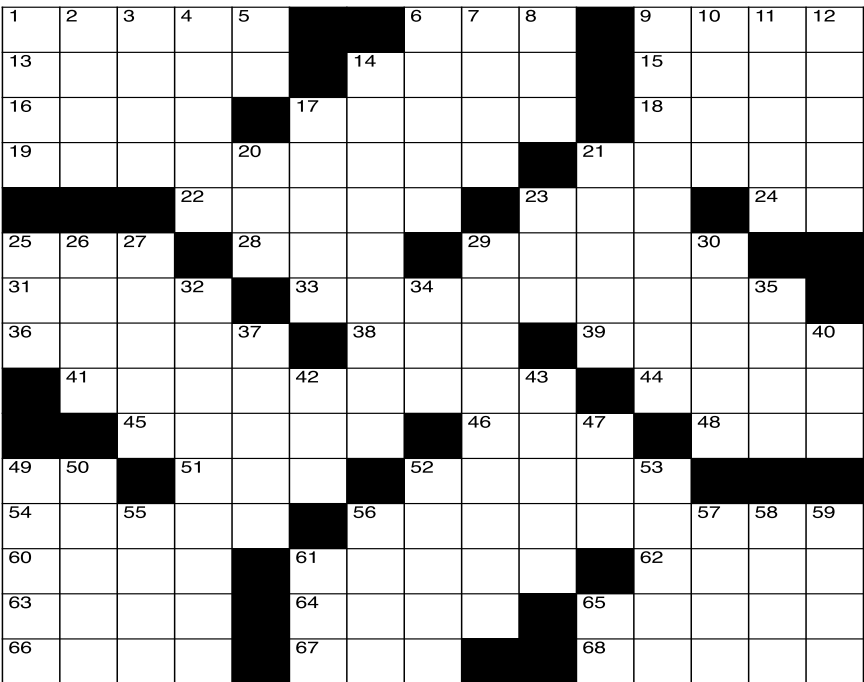
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Funeral Oct. 16, 2014
Southwick Forastiere Funeral Home

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 - 39. Slang for famous person
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 - 48. Actress Farrow
 - 49. 1st Lady of Song’s initials
 - 51. Disorderly crowd
 - 52. Less in spanish
 - 54. Br. broad valleys
 - 56. Good Wife’s Julianna
 - 60. Expression of annoyance
 - 61. Blocks
 - 62. 4840 square yards
 - 63. The culminating point
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 - 65. Excessively fat
 - 66. Scorch the surface of
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 - 30. Hawthorne’s city
 - 32. Takes readings from other distant instruments
 - 34. 13th Hebrew letter
 - 35. Filippo __, Saint
 - 37. Gulf of, in the Aegean
 - 40. Bleat
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 - 43. Performs a song
 - 47. Note of hand
 - 49. Icelandic poems
 - 50. Ludicrous, empty show
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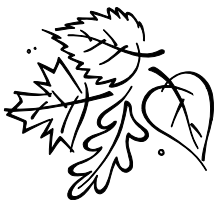
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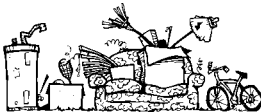
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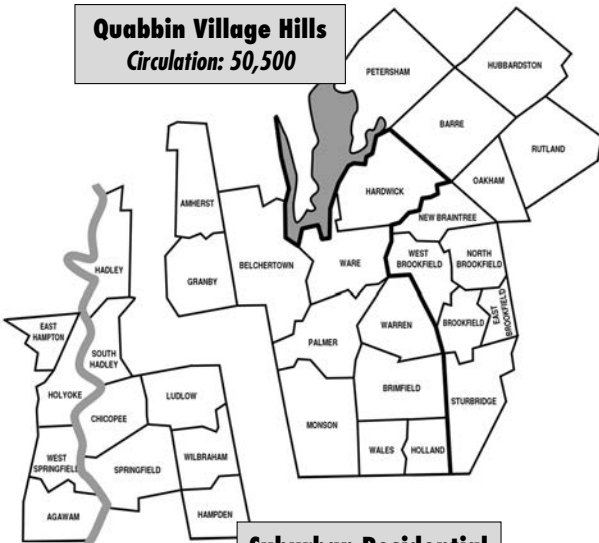
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Saturday, Oct. 18

THE AGAWAM HARVEST FESTIVAL AND FAMILY FUN DAY, hosted by the Agawam Rotary Club, will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agawam Veterans Green. The day’s events will include a live DJ all day, car show, music, food, crafts face painting, a bounce house and a giant slide. The public is invited. Admission is free. Rain date, Oct. 19.

A HOLIDAY BAZAAR will take place today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mary, Mother of Hope Parish, corner of Page Blvd. and Roosevelt Ave., Springfield. The public is invited.

HISTORIC TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will hold its Fall Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to over 30 community vendors, there will be homemade baked goods and the ever-popular luncheon. Admission is free. The public is invited.

A SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER to benefit Maya Valentina Penna, the granddaughter of former Agawam resident Diane Peters and daughter of Nicholas Penna, also formerly of Agawam, will be held at the Dante Club, 1198 Memorial Ave., West Springfield from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call Diane Peters at (860) 882-7563.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GUILD will host its Annual Vendor’s Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parish center, located at 833 Main St., Agawam. In addition to raffles and a bake sale, the fair will include local crafters and vendors. The public is invited.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. for the fall season. Located in Holyoke Heritage State Park, it is just a quick walk through the park from the Children’s Museum at Holyoke. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

VENDOR FAIR hosted by Main Street Deli, located at 141 Main St., Agawam, Saturday, Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit “Stockings for Soldiers.” Those attending that bring a new, unfilled Christmas stocking will receive two additional raffle tickets.

CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE at 663 Main St., Agawam will host “The Civil War Ballroom” on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. This program is sponsored by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council. There will also be a tag and bake sale. Rain date is Sunday. For more information, visit www.smallplanetdancers.com or call 413-746-9067.

Sunday, Oct. 19

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM, 35 Elm St., will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Featured this year is “Riverside Park - A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley.” The public is invited. Admission is free and the museum will be closed for the season after today.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will present Jerry Noble, Smith College accompanist and composer, and Lynn Klock, saxophonist and bass clarinetist with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, in concert at 3 p.m. at Skinner Memorial Chapel of the United Congregational Church of Holyoke. Suggested donation, \$10; \$5, students and seniors. For more information, visit www.uccholyoke.org or call (413) 532-1483.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a “mini tour” at 1 p.m., led by Arch Battista and Diane Huot, Wood Museum of Springfield History, focusing on “Norman Rockwell’s World.” The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie (“Casper the Friendly Ghost”) at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

‘PINK SCARF PROJECT’ KEEPS VOLUNTEERS WARM



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It’s that time of year again when residents and staff of Heritage Hall East “step up” to assist in the fundraising efforts of Rays of Hope. This group, called the “Pink Scarf Project,” is under the leadership of Health New England and collaborates with Storrs Library of Longmeadow to provide scarves for each of the volunteers that walk and raise money for the ongoing battle against breast cancer. From left, Virginia Beauvais, Carole Mazzarino of Storrs Library, Debbie Goodreau of the Heritage Hall Physical Therapy Department, and Carol Laramée.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Sudie Marcuse, soprano, Becky Rosendahl Isaacson, organ, and Mark Winer, Tenor at 10:30. Free refreshments after the performance. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield, or call 736-0766.

GFWC AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN’S CLUB (AJWC) will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., at the Agawam Senior Center. Guest speaker for the evening will be Amy Mendrala, from Lisa’s Light of Hope, an organization that raises awareness of eating disorders and works to assist those who suffer from them. A social gathering will

begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

GLENMEADOW RETIREMENT will offer a presentation by Smith College Professor Mary Harrington on memory and brain health, Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St. The event is free, however, seating is limited and registration is required; call 413-567-7800 or email learning@glenmeadow.org. Visit glenmeadow.org/learning for more information.

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Thursday, Oct. 23

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Colonial Portraiture: From Battlefield to Living Room" featuring Robin Hoffman and Jodi Stiffelmen, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Stars, Serenade and Stone Soup candlelight evening Friday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House, 251 North West St., Feeding Hills. Winners of the Scary Story Contest will read their winning entries. Kids' activities, hearth baked bread and soup will be served along with period music by candlelight of the 1700s.

HERITAGE WOODS SENIOR LIVING will host a free community Halloween party for children ages 12 and under Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Children can come dressed in their costumes and enjoy a haunted house, Halloween games, activities and goodies. Registration is required Oct. 22 by calling (413) 789-8332 or email Nicole.wallace@genesishcc.com.

THE ROBERTA G. DOERING MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO will host a free Family Carnival for students, families and the community Saturday, Oct. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. on school grounds at 68 Main St., Agawam, and will include carnival games, scheduled entertainment, “street” performers, raffles, horse rides, food vendors and a silent auction put together by the students. Admission and parking are free. For more information, email DoeringCarnival@gmail.com.

A FUNDRAISER FOR AGAWAM RESIDENT BRADLEY HEINBOKEL, who is battling neck and throat cancer, is scheduled for Oct. 27 at Take 5 Restaurant, 944 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the door. For more information, email Michele.minnear01@yahoo.com or call (413) 214-8703.

TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY for teens in grades 7 through 12 at the Agawam Public Library to be held Monday, Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Costumes are optional but there will be a contest and prizes will be awarded. There will also be games, food and lots of fun. Register at the library, online at agawamlibrary.org or by calling 789-1550 ext. 3.

AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host its Annual Health Expo Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A large variety of health care providers will be in attendance to showcase the products and services they offer. The public is invited.

A CHRISTMAS COLLECTION CRAFT FAIR will be held at the 1st Congregational Church at the rotary in East Longmeadow, Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be served and parking on site and shuttling parking is free. The public is invited.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE will host "Paint Sip Fun," Friday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion, 478 Springfield St., Agawam. Tickets are available online at paintsipfun.com. The cost for this club fundraiser is \$35 per person. Snacks available; drinks for purchase. The public is invited.

AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S popular Applause Series continues Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. when Sally Matson takes the stage at the Agawam Public Library with her one-woman presentation, Margaret Bourke-White: Courageous Photographer. Free and open to the public. Visit www.agawamcc.org for more information.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Nov. 12 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will hold its Annual Harvest Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 478 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. \$5/adults and \$2.50/children. Tickets are available at Southgate Liquors on Suffield Street, On the Hill Restaurant in

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A BLOOD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Agawam Senior Center conference room. A light dinner is served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

A CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP meets the third Thursday of each month, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at the office of Maryann Paleologopoulos LICSW, Inc., 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam (at the rotary). Refreshments served. For more information or to register, call (413) 789-0200, visit www.springfieldmed.com, or email survivorshipprogram@gmail.com.

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Wedding: Sept. 13, 2014

Name of Bride:

Bride's Residence:

Name of Groom:

Groom's Residence:

Date of Wedding:



☐ St. Mary's Church, Ware
Sept. 7, 2013

SELL IT!! \$238,900

CLEAN, CLEAN, CLEAN!!! Lovely 3 bedroom home,sunlit eat-in kitchen, sliders to patio with firepit. Large open living room, unique layout – two bedrooms and full bath are on one end – private master suite with walk in closets and full bath on the other. Finished lower level with pellet stove is a great entertaining space. Laundry room,1/2 bath, small office or work out room on lower level. Generator hook up, 2 car garage. **WALK IN, FALL IN LOVE!**








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